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Dear Bridget,

Attached is my review of your draft 'Washington State Endangered Species Protection Plan for Pesticide Use'. Overall, I believe the document shows good logic, offers a sound approach to integrating Washington county-level data into the federal decision-making process, and clearly articulates what WSDA expects as outcomes of this proposed process. If the personnel in EPA and the Services are as receptive to input as indicated in this draft document, the State Initiated Plan will be an important step for Washington State in adaptively managing agricultural lands affected under ESA. I applaud your unit for the work it has accomplished in this area.

I am cognizant of the fact that the audience for this draft plan is EPA and the Services and that brevity is highly prized. So the use of jargon, acronyms, and interchangeable terms may have no affect on the readability of the document by its primary audience. However, as you know the plan is of great interest to the agricultural community in this state, and will likely be widely read by this and other secondary audiences. A suggestion you might consider is to explain the jargon/acronyms early in the document, cut out interchangeable terms, and restrict use of the word 'plan' in the generic sense. These small changes would go a long way toward cutting down confusion and potential consternation among the secondary audience. I don't believe you want to leave them with the impression that there have been, are, or could be, multiple plans.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the review process. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding my review copy. I've been told my handwriting is difficult to decipher so please don't hesitate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine H. Daniels", written over a horizontal line.

Catherine H. Daniels
Pesticide Coordinator